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Resultant from telephone conversations between the undersigned and Mr. Frank Jordan on May 17, 2005, please find attached a copy of the consider PTO 1449 submitted by applicant on 11/22/2004. The IDS was properly submitted after allowance, and all prior art listed thereon has been considered by the examiner. This prior art also fails to teach or suggest a gaming system that controls the probability of a dividend wherein a selecting device selects a predetermined number of symbols to be displayed on the game screen from a predetermined selection candidate group; and a probability controlling device controls the probability of a dividend by adding or removing common symbols, which can be used as plurality of symbols, to or from the selection candidate group before the selecting device selects the predetermined number of symbols, according to the outcome of the game. The delay in consideration of the IDS is regretted; applicant is thanked for bringing the paper to the attention of the undersigned.

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